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FIRST DANISH SE-TENANT combinations shown here vary only in format. The first pair was issued on Feb. 2, 1919, as a horizontal duo and sold by Automatfrimærker vending machines outside post offices. The vertical version (at right) was released the following day. Despite both versions of the same stamps being sold during the same period, Danish alphabetical terminology has the Lodret (vertical) listed as AFA LS 1-4 and the day earlier Vandret (horizontal) ending the coil numbers as AFA VS 25-28. Although sold for 10 øre by machines, the coil stamps are also collected in strips of threes — in both possible combinations. One of each triple is shown here.

Denmark's Se-tenants Offer Challenge As a Continuing Collection Specialty

By Gene Lesney, Editor

While considered a rather contemporary format, the first issue of two or more definitive stamps with different values, colors or designs was initiated on Feb. 2, 1919, by Denmark when they introduced a horizontal coil pair. Featured alternately on the se-tenant issue were the Wavy Line type 3 øre gray (AFA 79) and the Christian X type 7 øre orange (AFA 98). The pair was designed to be sold from Automatfrimærker vending machines placed outside of major post offices both during and after hours — and more importantly the stamp values fulfilled current postal rate needs.

At the time, 0-250 gram local town letters required a 7 øre franking (as did post cards addressed nationwide or to Sweden and Norway). The odd 3 øre

stamp was handy to meet the 250-500 gram local town letter rate.

[This was an interesting period in Scandinavian stamp formats. Both Sweden and Norway had begun offering booklets in 1904, but Denmark waited until 1913 to issue its first official booklet. These early booklets consisted of regular sheet stamps perforated on all four sides and attached in the selvage area by staples to a folded cover. Coil stamps were also being introduced elsewhere, however only in identical values, colors and designs.]

Special Plates Prepared

In order to produce its first se-tenant coils Denmark's P&T had special plates made up in a checkerboard pattern to print 10 x 10 sheets of two different



ODD BALL AD PAIR appeared in *Boom Booklet 2.7* on Pane R25. The double vertical pair was adjacent to a KKKK ad tab.

stamps. The sheets were perforated like ordinary stamps before being separated into strips of 10 and paste-up assembled into rolls of 500 pairs (1000 stamps). This method offered the choice of breaking the sheets into vertical or horizontal strips. The vending machines were capable of handling either format.

It is obvious that the P&T had acquired a variety of lever or crank-operated machines because on the next day following introduction of the horizontal set-tenant, the same stamps were put on sale in a vertical format. Perhaps this was a test for public acceptance, yet no official mention can be found to document the coincidence. Historians only point to the fact that vending machines could be set to dispense stamps of either width or pair length. As it happened in Denmark, the first horizontal coil was also the last sold in that format by vending machines. Subsequent coils were issued as verticals.

An indication of the first coil pair's format popularity can be drawn from postal records which show that only 108 rolls of 500 coil pairs (1000 stamps) were prepared in the horizontal mode, while 241 similar rolls were produced as verticals.



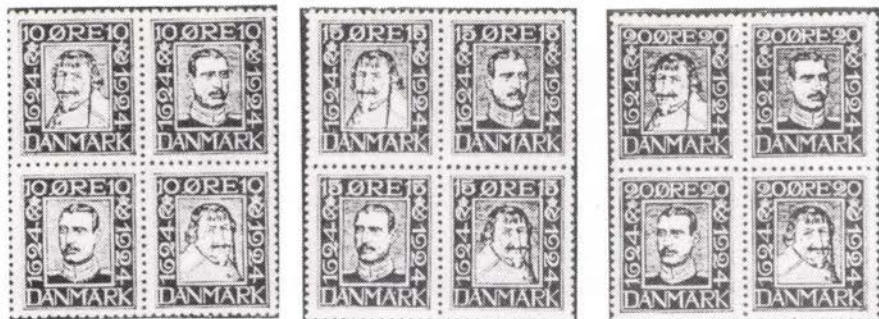
FULL PANE of ad pair shown at left in photocopy provided by the Northland Co.

Sold as Pairs or Rolls

Collectors should note that Automat-frimærker dispensers only delivered pairs for a single 10 øre coin. It may have been possible to drop additional coins and extract more connected pairs, however most machines used various devices to prevent the pulling out of "free" stamps. Most multiples, usually as threes, come from the full rolls sold by the post office — normally to businesses. Longer strips of used copies are normally found on pieces of wrapping paper from packages or on cuttings from larger business envelopes. It's suggested that such finds be kept intact and preserved for collection or exhibition. This is particularly true of used se-tenants with postmarks verifying proper date of usage during the period of issue.

Before continuing, interested collectors should be forewarned that conventional album pages do not cover this specialty. Customized layouts must be prepared. Although Denmark's se-tenants begin with coils, they extend into booklet strips and panes, sheets and mini sheets. Such a combination — punctuated with an occasional on-cover example — makes for a variety of personalized layouts. Sometime between the withdrawal of coils and the introduction of booklets the dispensing units acquired the name "slot machine."

The best source for early coil data and details on sheet and mini-sheet se-



FIRST FOUR-BLOCK SET issued as sheet se-tenants was the Dec. 1, 1924, 300th Anniversary of the Danish Postal Service. Featured were mirrored images of King Christian IV, who established the service in 1624 by decree, and King Christian X, the reigning monarch at the time of issue. The 10 øres were green, 15 øres violet and the 20 øres brown.

tenants is the *AFA Specialcatalogue* for Denmark. But the most complete listings of booklets and panes are found in Rob Boom's *Denmark Stamp Booklets Catalogue* (printed in English and better known only as *Boom's*) 1987 edition. The chronology of Denmark's booklets can be traced by increased prices as postage rates were raised. They began with DKr 2 booklets, then the DKr 5 booklets, followed after 1972 by DKr 10, 20 and 28 and up. Although most were over-the-counter items, a few were available from vending machines beginning in 1952. Prior to their slot machine debut with booklets the machines had only dispensed coil stamps until 1933.

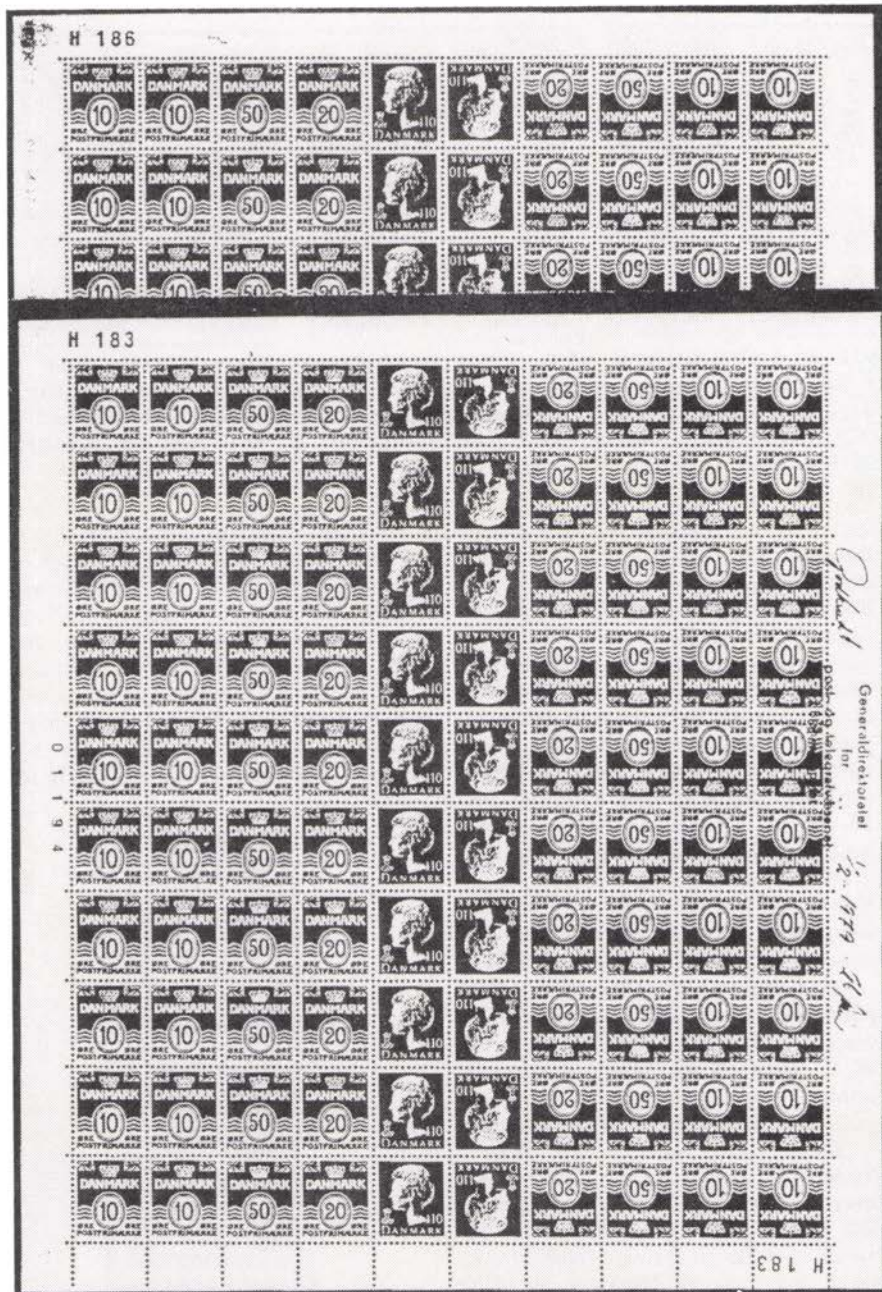
This occurred when the Danish P&T purchased 10 new slot machines (for 25 øre coins) from the Søren Wistoft & Co. of Copenhagen for sales of definitive stamps in small cardboard covers. Four years later an additional 25 machines (for 1 Krone coins) were bought from a Swedish firm. Between slot machines and over-the-counter sales a variety of booklets were produced — resulting in a wide range of different formats (both in contents and covers). Demand for these items caused the P&T to revise its stamp layouts in order to produce special booklet sheets and provide extra margins (selvage areas) for mounting the stamps into the covers.

Coil Listings Example

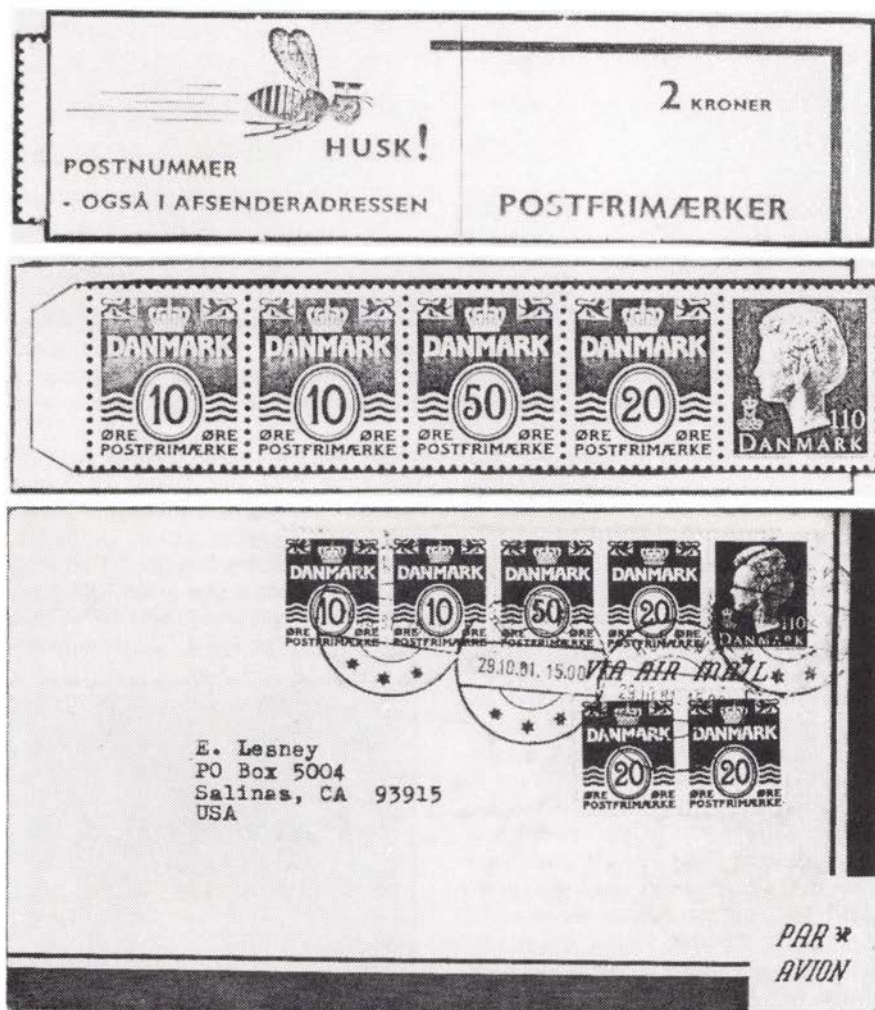
The first series of Automatrofrimærker se-tenants total 36 versions of pairs and triples, plus another 24 major color and error examples. Note that most of the color varieties listed in *AFA*, *Facit* and *Scott* occur only on these printings and purists insist that only attached pairs should be displayed to verify these colors in a regular collection. This latter



FINAL COIL PAIR was this combo of Wavy Line types consisting of a 10 øre brown (*AFA* 185) and a 5 øre lightgreen (*AFA* 183), issued in 1932.



UNUSUAL LAYOUT pattern for slot machine booklets reveals how selvaage can be provided to mount strips of five stamps into DKr 2 booklets, in this instance *Boom* HA 19 which is shown on cover and in a separate unexploded unit of both cover and stamps on the next page. (Photo courtesy of Boomstamps B.V.)



FULL 2 KR. SLOT MACHINE STRIP OF 10+10+50+20+110 required an additional 2x20 øre stamps to meet the airmail rate of DKr 2.40 to the USA in October 1981. It was posted to the author using the strip from *Boom Booklet HA19* (above) with its cover *Boom* type Hb.

note also refers to the booklet and slot machine color varieties!

But getting back to the reason why vertical coils were preferred by the Danes, it is widely suggested that the simple matter of having fewer perfs to tear was the ultimate deciding factor. Yet the *AFA Catalogue* begins its Automat stamp listing with the verticals and ends

with the first-issued horizontals — despite the fact both pairs were issued a day apart and both remained on sale for almost a year!

The original se-tenant pairs were replaced on Jan. 21, 1920, by the Christian X type 10 øre red (*AFA 69*) and the 15 øre violet (*AFA 70*) (same design, different values and colors) to meet the in-



DYBBØL MILL BOOKLET TRIO issued in 1937 featured Denmark's first se-tenant surcharged stamps in combination with a stamp of face value. Additionally, two definitive designs in three values were used.

creased rates for town letters and post cards. However, less than another year later on Oct. 20, 1920, another pair of Christian X type stamps, the 5 øre green (AFA 68) and the 20 øre blue (AFA 71) appeared to meet another rate change.

Three additional se-tenant coils to follow were: the Wavy Line 5 øre brown (AFA 122) and Christian X type 20 øre brown (AFA 125) with the same color but different designs and values; the April 2, 1927, issue of Wavy Line types consisting of the 5 øre Brown (AFA 122) and 10 øre green (AFA 124) (different values and colors); and the last of the vending machine issues in 1932 was a pair of Wavy Line designs of the 5 øre light green (AFA 183) and the 10 øre brown (AFA 185), again different values and colors. Each new pair met a changing domestic postal rate for local and national letters and post cards.

By-passed in the coil chronology was the Dec. 1, 1924, issue of a four-block se-tenant that featured the mirrored images of both Christian IV and then current King Christian X. The blocks were printed in sheets of 100 and could be broken into a number of combinations of different se-tenants in all three colors and values (AFA 132-35 in 10 øre green, AFA 136-38 in 15 øre violet, and AFA 139-42 in 20 øre brown).

Before any discussion about Denmark's venture into Reklamemærker (advertising stamps) it should be under-

stood that this series issued between September 1927 and August 1933 only produced a single genuine se-tenant postal pair — which appears in the December 1929 *Boom* booklet 2.7 on Pane R25 as a half-breed next to the KKKK tab as two 7 øre light green (AFA 167) above two 1 øre orange (AFA 77), both Wavy



POPULAR RED CROSS surcharged issue in 1939 introduced Queen Alexandrine as the first woman to appear on Denmark's stamps. She was paired with a wide margin Wavy Line type in a booklet (*Boom* 3.33).

Line type. The other booklets with ad tabs attached constitute another specialty and will be dealt with in another article.

Dybbøl Mill Booklet

On Jan. 20, 1937, the Danish P&T ventured into the booklet format again by issuing the Dybbøl Mill surcharged stamps in three different colors and values. This format somewhat duplicated the variations possible with the 1924 sheet stamps, but here the four-blocks could only be split into horizontal or vertical pairs — if separated for whatever purpose. Block 1 consisted of three Dybbøl Mill stamps (AFA 236) each a 5 + 5 øre

green with a Wavy Line type I (AFA 234) 5 øre graygreen; block 2 had three Dybbøl Mill (AFA 237) 10 + 5 øre brown stamps plus a single Wavy Line type IA (AFA 235) 10 øre brown; and block 3 displayed three Dybbøl Mill (AFA 238) 15 + 5 øre red stamps accompanied by an (AFA 203 type Ia) Caraval design, also a 15 øre red.

An issue with the surcharge benefiting the Red Cross was issued Nov. 11, 1939, with one pane which combined Queen Alexandrine (AFA 252) 10 + 5 øre violet/red with a wide-margined Wavy Line type (AFA 266) 10 øre violet as vertical se-tenants. The other pane had four



DENMARK'S FIRST MINI BLOCK, issued to benefit HAFNIA 76, appeared Feb. 27, 1975, and illustrated four different early essays by Ferslew. The four stamps valued at 70, 80, 90 and 100 øre were sold to the public for DKr 5, the surcharge going to support the international stamp exhibition in August 1976.

copies of Queen Alexandrine (AFA 253) 15 + 5 øre. An interesting aspect of this particular issue is that the same 1939 engraving of Queen Alexandrine was used to produce another booklet as (AFA 267) 5 + 3 øre wine red, again to benefit the Red Cross.

The second se-tenant sheet didn't appear until Nov. 28, 1973, when the post office surprised everyone with a five-strip of Christmas stamps showing the ancient chalk drawings from Danish churches (AFA 552-56). It was printed in sheets of 50 stamps and offered a variety of splits of the five different illustrations, all valued at 70 øre with brown/red/blue/green/yellow coloring.

Booklet Versions

With its long history of stamp booklets started in 1913, the Denmark P&T had relied on letterpress printed stamps. [A few historians might insist that a reported unofficial 1906 booklet containing 18x 10 øre and 4x 5 øre Coat of Arms sheet stamps was the nation's first.] But in 1933 when the post office started to print their own stamps in steel engraved recess, the first example in booklets was the Dybbøl Mill stamp trio. The P&T now almost exclusively produces its se-tenant booklets by using definitive stamps, for example Wavy Line type currently combined with the Queen Margrethe types.



10 KRONER COVER for *Boom Booklet* 5.23 lists the contents and comes in two varieties with different Robt. Bechsgaard jokes inside the cover.

First in this 1982 series was the 10 DKr. booklet consisting of one pane of 10 stamps (two rows of five) with 2x 80 green (AFA 675) 2x 50 øre brown (AFA 571) (both Wavy Line type), and 2x 110 øre brown (AFA 677) and 2x 130 øre red (AFA 678) (Margrethe type 1). A number of other 10 DKr. booklets with two rows of identical se-tenants followed. As rates changed new booklets appeared, not all as se-tenants.

Booklets are usually displayed by using two units. One is kept intact and shown with its contents unfolded — the suggested method for preserving a creased pane. The other booklet is “exploded” or broken down into its component parts for display. Often a third empty cover is used to show the inside



TWIN ROWS OF SE-TENANTS are fast becoming a popular format. This *Boom Booklet* 5.23 has a numbered tab and offers 4x50 øre brown, 2x180 øre brown, 2x20 øre dark-blue and 2x200 øre red stamps. This booklet was issued July 22, 1982.

text of the unfolded cover. Basically, all booklets should be collected in their original or unexploded condition, but with its stamps unfolded, if acquired for investment rather than the joy of collecting.

A popular addition were the HAFNIA mini sheets introduced Feb. 27, 1975, containing a four-block reproduction of early essays on stamps valued at 70, 80, 90 and 100 øre — but sold as a HAFNIA 76 promotional souvenir sheet for DKr 5 with the profits going to finance the stamp exhibition.

HAFNIA block II displayed reprints of four Danish skilling stamps (*AFA* 1, 2, 11w, and 19y) with a total face value of DKr 3.40, but also sold for DKr 5 to benefit the upcoming show in Copenhagen. (HAFNIA block III featured a single stamp *AFA* 625).

The HAFNIA 87 block I offered four different stamps for DKr 15. The 100, 250, 280, and 380 stamps (*AFA* 827a, b, c, d) featured documents establishing that nation's postal service. Block II issued Feb. 20, 1986, illustrated four modes of mail transport at identical postal values and again sold for DKr 15. The most recent HAFNIA blocks continued until the exhibition in October 1987.

Danish birds were the subject of a June 19, 1986, issue of a single pane block of 10 comprising two strips of five different birds, each stamp with a 280 øre value selling for DKr 28. Arriving by mail just in time to cap this article was a P&T announcement about their May 3, 1990, new issue illustrating four different pieces of Flora Danica porcelain se-tenant. It celebrates the Royal Porcelain Manufactory's 200th anniversary

A RECENT COMMEMORATIVE SET issued June 19, 1986, consisted of a twin vertical strip of five stamps pictured five popular Danish birds. The booklet (*Boom* S41) held 10x 280 øre stamps and demonstrated the versatility of the Danish P&T's new presses and booklet machinery.



1790-1990. All four stamps have 3.50 values and show an ice dish with bell; saucepan with dish; ice pot with casserole and lid; and a round serving dish.

Collectors of this specialty can always depend upon the Danish P&T for a modest production of se-tenants. This should allow time for playing catch-up with the early coil issues. Quite a few people into se-tenants include all booklets just to keep busy. Either way this is an interesting field in which virtually every Denmark collector ventures to some degree.

The next article scheduled will deal with the fascinating encounter of the Denmark P&T into the world of

Frimærker med Reklamevedhæng (stamps with advertising tabs), produced in booklet format from September 1927 until February 1934.

The more avaricious Scandinavian specialist might find Denmark's modest issuance policy a bit too limiting in view of the massive outpouring of Swedish se-tenants in coil and booklet formats. The author suggests staying with Denmark and including its booklets without se-tenant stamps — still a modest investment. Collectors of 20th century Sweden already know of the deep pockets required to keep abreast of that nation's proliferation of new issues.

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DENMARK'S MOST RECENT multi-design mini-sheet release, May 3, 1990, depicts four original, select pieces of Flora Danica porcelain. The issue marks the 200th anniversary of the Royal Porcelain Factory which created and produced Flora Danica between 1790-1802. A complete service for 100, consisting of a total of 1,802 pieces was presented to King Christian VII in 1803. Today 1,530 pieces remain in the possession of Queen Margrethe II. The mini sheet format will contain two rows of four stamps — each with a face value of 350 øre.



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Convention Exhibit Awards at Philatelic Show 90

By Wayne Rindone

The club's National Award, a hand-blown Swedish crystal bowl with the SCC posthorn emblem engraved on it, is donated each year by members Scott and Joanna Taylor for award to the best Scandinavian exhibit at the Convention. This year's winner was Roger Quinby for his exhibit "Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery Used in Finland, 1891-1918." This exhibit, which won the Grand Award at Milcopex in March, will compete in the Champion of Champions exhibit at STaMpsHOW 90 this summer.

SCC gold, silver, and bronze medals were also awarded. Chris McGregor won the gold medal for his exhibit "The Faroe Islands Before 1963." His exhibit also received a gold in the show competition. Don Halpern's exhibit "Prestamp Covers From, To and Just Passing Through Denmark" was awarded the SCC silver medal and a vermeil medal for the show. In addition it won an American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors pin for best presentation of an exhibit. The SCC bronze medal was awarded to Kauko Aro for his vermeil medal exhibit "Postal Cards of Finland 1871-1896."

Two additional vermeil medals were awarded to Scandinavian exhibits. One went to Jeffrey Crown for his exhibit "Faroe Islands Post," the other to Norman Kopp for his exhibit "Faroe Islands — The War Years 1939-1945." The issues of the Faroes were unusually well represented in the Philatelic Show exhibit.

Speaking of the Faroes, Alfred Gruber won a silver for "Denmark and the Faroes: The Letter Collecting Place Cancels." Host SCC Chapter member James Gaudet was awarded a silver for "Danish Advertising Labels."

Silver-bronze medals went to Harvey Gudmundson for "Iceland Aerophilately — the Early Years" and to Wayne Rindone for "Christian X Issues." Alan Warren's "Norway — Commemorative First Day Covers Prior to 1950" won a

silver-bronze as well as the American First Day Cover Society Award.

Finally, bronze medals were awarded to Christopher Dahle: "Booklets and Coils from Sweden," Annette Gruber: "Christmas Seals of Denmark," Fred Bloedow: "Iceland — Revitalization of Obsolete Stamps," and Robert Lang: "Nordic Lights."

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SCC at Boxborough

Attendees at the SCC convention and Philatelic Show 90 enjoyed a weekend of activities at the Sheraton Boxborough Hotel. Festivities began Friday night with a private tour of a special Scandinavian exhibit at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum. Arthur J. Anderson, Jr., Curator of the Museum and members of SCC Chapter 5 hosted a reception on the lower level of the museum.

The exhibit had something for everyone beginning with a history of Iceland air flights and a display from the museum's collection of a sheet of Iceland #2 and early Finland on cover. Most of the frames were filled with Chapter 5 members' collections. Indicative of the range of material were frames of Scandinavian royalty, Sweden postal cards, Åland, Danish Christmas seals, Faroe Islands, Denmark multiples, Norway locals, and Greenland.

Following the wine and cheese reception the group moved on to the dinner at Finnerty's Country Squire in Wayland, MA. Thirty-one attendees enjoyed an excellent meal despite a power outage which plunged us into an intimate atmosphere of candlelight and a few security lights. The problem did not seem to faze the staff who continued to prepare and serve the meal without a hitch.

Unfortunately there was no quorum of either the Board of the Executive Committee, but a number of points were discussed for possible mail ballot. Saturday afternoon brought the annual meeting, chaired by Paul Carlton, president of

Chapter 5. Sweden stamps, kindly donated by SPA, were presented to Paul and to Fred Brofos, who was the member present with the lowest membership number (originally 497, now H-11). Members then saw a slide program, courtesy of Chapter 13, on "The Postal History and Stamps of the Faroes."

Convention sites for SCC have been pretty well established for the next several years. The venues will be ARIPEX 1991 in Tucson (in January, less than a year away!), World Columbian Stamp Expo 92 in Chicago, FLOREX 93 in Orlando, and BALPEX 94 in Hunt Valley, MD.

The New England Chapter 5 of SCC presented members with a welcome packet of information. A highlight during the show was a series of presentations near the hotel dining area by the Birka Scandinavian Dancers from the Vasa Order of America's Hamilton, MA lodge. Wayne P. Rindone, past president of SCC and a past president of the Northeast Federation of Stamp Clubs was Show Chairman for Philatelic Show 90. Paul Carlton served also as Program Chairman. Our thanks to Jack Hilton and other Chapter 5 members for a memorable convention.

—Alan Warren

Some Thoughts on Receiving the Pelander Award

I was deeply honored at the Scandinavian dinner held in conjunction with the SCC convention at Philatelic Show 90 to become the sixth recipient of the Carl E. Pelander Award for furthering the aims of the Club. As I mentioned at the dinner, I regret that I never had the pleasure of knowing Pelander who was the first editor of *The Posthorn*. However, I have had two indirect associations with the man. About 25 years ago, Philadelphia Chapter 2 of SCC was revived by the late William Stericker. To help the newly re-born chapter establish itself, Carl Pelander donated a copy of Finland No. 2 which was sold, and the proceeds used to create the chapter's treasury. As always, Carl's interests were to help the Club.

My second association is Carl's wonderful booklet, *Postal Issues of Finland*, published in 1940 by Scott Publications. I treasure this item in my philatelic library. Carl turned the proceeds from the sale of the book over to the Finnish Relief Fund. In recently glancing over the acknowledgments at the beginning of the book, I learned that a Justin Bacharach designed the book's cover. In case the name sounds familiar, this is the same Justin L. Bacharach who writes the "Sees All" column in *Mekeel's*.

The amazing thing about Justin's column is that he has been writing it continuously since 1941. He first learned about

the ins-and-outs of philately in Philadelphia from the legendary dealer Eugene Klein (in fact he almost married Klein's daughter) and the well-known collector Philip H. Ward, Jr. In 1934 Bacharach left for New York where he was named stamp editor of the *New York American*.

—Alan Warren

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Next Convention in Tucson

The SCC annual convention for 1991 will meet at ARIPEX 91, Jan. 25-27, at the Tucson Convention Center. This event is sponsored by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs, and the Tucson Stamp Club will host.

Dr. Dan Laursen, PhD, has the SCC phase under his hat, along with the responsibility for the SCC convention agenda.

ARIPEX is an APS World Series qualifying event. This show's theme is "A Tribute to Railway Mail Service." The prospectus is available and exhibit frame fees will be \$7 per 18 page frame. A number of frames have been reserved for SCC members. Exhibitors should contact Carl LeMar John, Exhibit Chairman, 5063 Regency Circle N., Tucson, AZ 85711-3037, for entry forms and prospectus.



What's Happening in Finland

By Mike Hvidonov

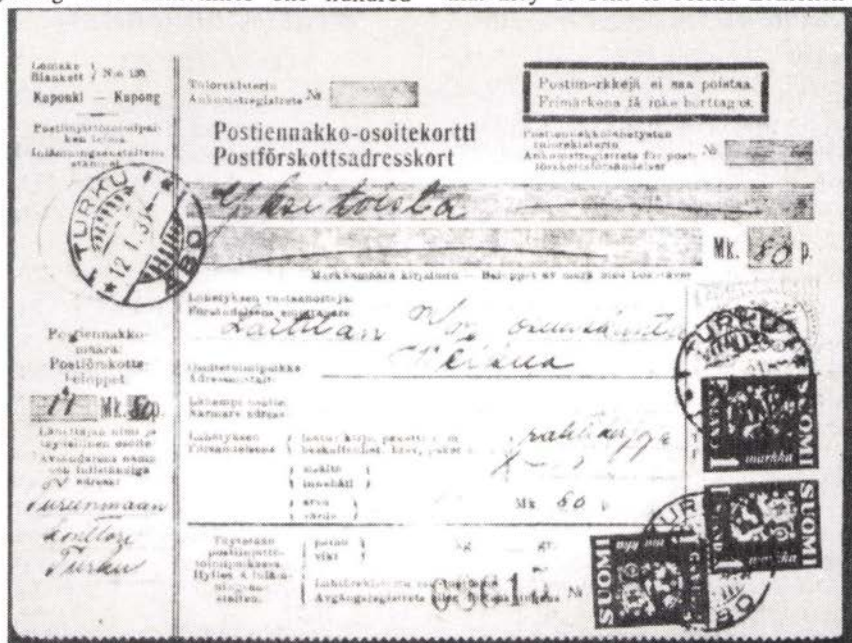
Cancellations Used After Valid Dates

Mikko Ossa, in his publication, *Keräilyuutiset (Collection News)* attacks a problem that has become flagrant within the last few years. Sponsored by the increasing interest in the stamps of Saarinen, the Red Cross issues and other segments, collectors are seeking and buying numerous stamps at very high premiums, when they desire luxus cancellations.

It has been historically confirmed in the world of philately that demand elevates cost and that the nefarious seek ways to profit by the want. So, at this juncture in time, stamps that may sell for a few dollars are finding their way into the market adorned with "socked on the nose" often exquisite cancels. These are getting bids sometimes one hundred

times their catalog values. While this is great for Finnish philately the applied criminality must be faced and corrected.

In several strong articles, Ossa suggests that auctioneers carefully check the validity of all relatively modern stamps. The valid dates of the usage of almost all stamps can be found in the catalogs and the *Finnish Handbooks*. The cancellations are even more "dangerous" because in some instances, the original canceling device has fallen into the hands of forgers. This creates an almost impossible situation for the collector and may require an expert opinion. The high-priced 1 and 10 mark Saarinen stamps of 1929 and the 25 mark values must be expertized when canceled. He recommends that they be sent to Jorma Leinonen a



most knowledgeable expert in these areas as well as others for certification. To date, most of the 25 mark stamps have been okay but this may soon change.

A Questionable COD Card

To continue on this subject, Ossa features a COD card canceled in Turku on Jan. 12, 1931 and a receipt cancellation from the very small village of Velkua on 14.1.31.

The Saarinen stamps became officially invalid on Dec. 31, 1930. In spite of this ruling, items are found with the stamps canceled in Jan. 1931. The Saarinen 1 mark stamp (a bit difficult to see in the photo) has a Posthorn watermark.

To add to the "patients" problems, the writer notes that there is a small matter of incorrect postage that warrants discussion. He asks that his readers determine what the tariff problem is and write to him. If he receives no replies he will cover the rate error in a subsequent writing.

He concludes, rather enigmatically, as follows: "This article is prompted because of a White Paper, 1 mark 1929 stamp sold this Spring for 1300 marks, canceled in August 1931." (I assume that the stamp that Mr. Ossa refers to is the so-called "white paper" variety, reddish-orange stamp listed in Norma as 137A.

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation Update

Publication No. 9 of the Philatelic Federation of Finland lists the post offices of that country from the mid 17th century to 1985. However, the introductory text is an excellent discussion of the postal markings of Finland from the stampless era to the present. The text has been carefully translated into English by Anneli Hvidonov and is offered by SPF as a 110-page handbook.

The *Post Offices in Finland 1638-1985* is available to SPF members for \$15.00. Non-members may purchase the book for \$20 from Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation, Box 6716, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359. The tables of post offices have been omitted from the English translation as these are readily available in the original Finnish edition.

A new work on the Iceland skilling issues is being prepared by a Danish author. He is completing his research and writing about this material during the summer months. Watch this column for availability. The Finnish publication mentioned above has received nice reviews in *Stamps Magazine* and the *Museum Post Rider*, journal of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum.

Scandinavian Area Awards

Michael Falls won vermeil medals at both SPRINGPEX and YORCOPEX for his "Icelandic Airmail." At ROPEX Alan Warren took a silver for "Norway: Commemorative First Day Covers Prior to 1950." The SCC 1989 Library Index received a silver-bronze at COLOPEX. Roger Quinby took the grand award along with a gold medal at MILCOPEX at his "Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery in Finland." At ARIPEX Dan Laursen won a silver for his "Danish Postal Stationery 1864-1900," and in the Junior category Emily Zammetti received a silver-bronze for "Denmark Town Cancels."

Scandinavian exhibits by U.S. exhibitors garnered awards at the interna-

tional LONDON 90 show. A large gold went to Peer Lorentzen for "Denmark: 1851-1863" along with a special prize. Gold medals were picked up by Howard Arnould for "Danish West Indies Postal History, Foreign and Private Postal Services," and Roger G. Schnell for "Danish West Indies Postal Stationery 1877-1917."

At NAPEX, Jeffrey N. Crown won a vermeil for "Faroe Island Post." At NOJEX Joseph Kocheisen won a vermeil for "Schleswig-Holstein," and Don Halpern took a silver for his "Stampless Covers From, To and Passing Through Denmark." W. E. Melberg's SCC Library Index won a silver.

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“VATT” SCRIPT CANCEL on a 5 aur green proved difficult to identify, but a study of four references led to the answer.

An Unlisted Manuscript Cancel

By George W. Sickels

Recently there came into my possession a new manuscript cancel on an Icelandic Stamp. It had the letters “VATT” in script on a 5 aur green, *Scott 24*. I had not seen it before so I set out to determine the location of the post office.

An article by Bob Helm in *The Posthorn*, Vol. 24, No. 1, 1967, cites Carøe giving the explanation of the use of manuscript cancels, so I’ll not repeat it. Bob also offered a list of those known as of August 1966, but it is out of date. Two European philatelists up-dated the list: Folmer Østergaard of Denmark in 1976, and Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson of Iceland in 1979. The latter was the most recent to my knowledge, which is still available for purchase at the present time.

My cancel was nowhere to be found when I scanned this 1979 listing. I had indeed discovered a manuscript cancel

not previously reported in reference literature. So the next step would be to locate the post office.

For help in this task, I turned to Thor Thorsteins’ book of *Post Offices and Collecting Stations of Iceland*, more recently published in 1986. Here I lucked out, for there was only one listed beginning with the letters “VATT.”

The letter-collecting station’s name was VATTARNES, located in Austur-Bardastrandarsýsla. It was operated from January 1896 to December 1944. *Facit Catalogue* lists this location as one which might have received a Crown and Posthorn handstamp canceler, although none has been discovered to date.

Therefore, the illustration shown is another Icelandic Manuscript Cancel to be added to the known list of 33 post offices using such cancels, with the variations from these same towns swelling

the list to 54 varieties, not counting the unidentifiable crosses and lines used by many postmasters.

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Norway to Honor Winners In Past Winter Olympics



As host of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games at Lillehammer, the Norwegian Post Office has elected to issue a second souvenir sheet honoring four of its gold medalists in past competitions. Date of the issue is National Stamp Day, Oct. 5th.

Honored will be triple gold medalist Thorleif Haug, who in 1924 dominated skiing events at Chamonix. Sonja Henie, who later went on to world fame in ice shows and the movies, won her first gold medal in figure skating in 1928 at St. Moritz. She also garnered gold medals at the 1932 and 1936 Winter Olympics. Four-time gold medalist was Ivar Ballangrud, who won at St. Moritz in 1928 for the 5000 meter speed skating event; and

eight years later at Garmisch-Partenkirchen he won three more golds — to earn the title of "king of speed skating." Another speed skater, Hjalmar Andersen, one of Norway's most popular athletes dominated the sport in the 1950s. He was European champion and world champion three years in a row — the highlight of his career was winning three gold medals at the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo.

All four stamps are NKr 4 and the sheet sells for NKr 20, with the surcharge going to benefit Norwegian Olympic Sports. For details, write the Norwegian Post Philatelic Bureau, Box 3700, Gamlebyen, N-0135 Oslo 1, Norway.

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Sickles Picked as U.S. Rep to NORDIA 91 in Iceland

Bulletin 1 for NORDIA 91 has been released. The show, sponsored by the philatelic federations of the Nordic countries, takes place in a different Scandinavian country each year. The location of next year's show is the sports hall Laugardalshöll in Reykjavik. The show will take place June 27-30, 1991.

Thor Thorsteins is the general director of the show. A familiar name on the honorary council is that of Sigurdur H. Thorsteinsson, the first president of Iceland's philatelic federation. General commissioner is Halfdan Helgason of Iceland. Other commissioners are Knud Mohr of Denmark, Per M. Kindem of Norway, Juhani Pietilä of Finland, and Hasse Brockenhuus von Lövenhielm of Sweden.

The USA Representative is SCC member George W. Sickels. Preliminary entry forms are available from George at 1769 Colgate Pl., Union, NJ 07083. Exhibitors must be a member of one of the philatelic clubs or federations of the Scandinavian countries. Those planning

to travel to Iceland next year for the show should not contact George, but rather Icelandair offices.

Bulletin 1 has some lovely old Icelandic stamped covers illustrated in color. An article by Don Barndt describes the 16th century map *Carta Marina* which depicts the area from Greenland to the Baltic. Part of this map will be used in the second souvenir sheet promoting NORDIA 91, to be released October 9 this year. The booklet also contains the regulations for the show in Icelandic and Danish.

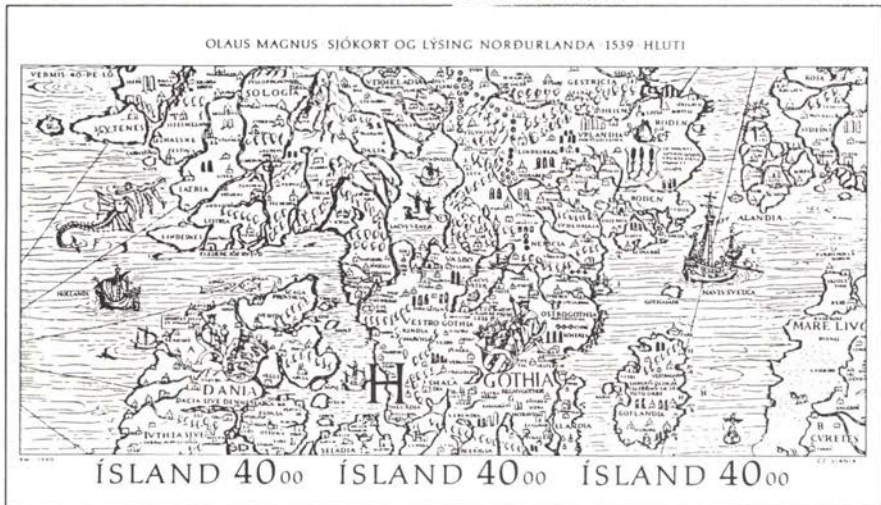
—Alan Warren

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Dr. Schnell Accepts Post

An announcement that Dr. Roger Schnell, Coordinator of the SCC's DWI Study Group and frequent gold medalist at national and FIP competitions, has been named to as U.S. representative for NORDIA 92. His job will be to encourage U.S. exhibitors to submit entries in the Scandinavian stamp show.

Timely notices will be printed to advise members about entry applications for NORDIA 92.



SECOND NORDIA 91 SOUVENIR SHEET to be released October 9 will illustrate the south-central regions of Norway and Sweden, plus the northern part of Denmark and across the Baltic Sea — showing a part of Finland and the Baltic countries as they appear on Olaus Magnus' *Carta Marina* drawn in the 16th century.



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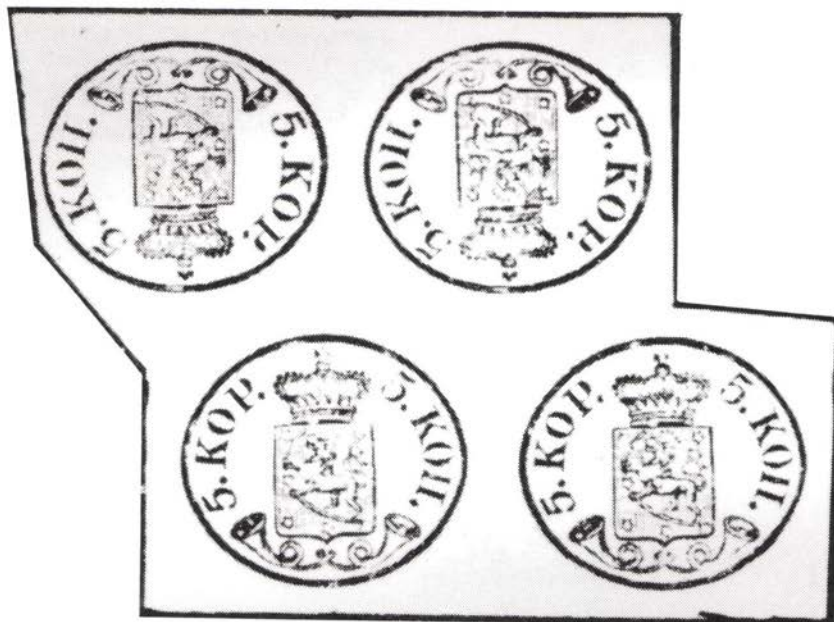
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AN UNUSED BLOCK OF FOUR of the 5 Kop. small pearl tête-bêche stamps. According to the late Leo Linder in his book on Ovalmark Stamps published in 1962, this rare ex-Fabergé item was last sold at an H.R. Harmer auction sale in London, March 1940, for the sum of £310. British pounds (approx. \$1,300. at the time).

Finland's Traditional Philately

No. 2 in a Series

My initial column on this vast and unsettled subject (within the U.S.) promised detailed information and guidelines requisite to the construction of a Classic Exhibit.

Firstly, one must keep in mind that it is essential for a well constructed display to provide continuing insight into the philately as it relates to the Nation's History. The effort must tender due respect to each and every period of development by maintaining a proper balance of importance through the total exhibit. In short, the 1875-1882 segments should be as consequential as either the 1885 or 1856 eras even though the earlier material may well limn a more fascinating, if not intriguing picture to the audience.

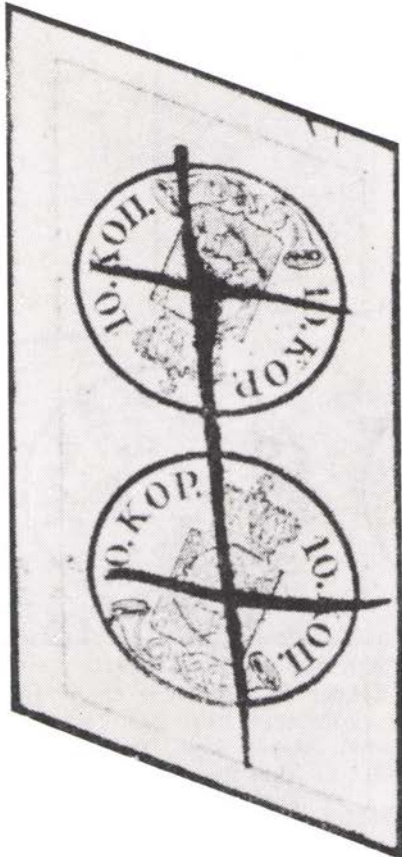
The Collection Needs

Traditional exhibits feature both

unused and canceled stamps and do require a goodly sprinkling of pairs and multiples. Properly postaged covers or cards must be present in all groups. The quality of the material should be as fine as possible.

The large rouletted stamps from 1860 through 1866 were produced with varying perforating devices all of which (whenever possible) need to be included in proper philatelic order. This last also applies to the color emissions of all periods.

A good representation is required of the 20 and 40 penni stamps of 1866. These are important issues and should occupy a proper number of pages and feature material of known or rare consequence. The prestigious 1 Mark emissions which ended the 1866 period are elusive in excellent condition. They do



THIS 10 KOP. tête-bêche pair was auctioned by Harmer at the same time, according to Linder. The price realization is not noted. The pair is "tied to piece" which may be difficult to discern here.

appear in many auctions. With time and persistence lovely copies will be found.

There is, you will learn a good deal of intelligence required to produce a successful Traditional Exhibit, no matter what you may have read elsewhere.

There are two methods or approaches to the development of the exhibit. The easiest, but least likely, is to start with a great deal of money and buy and buy. At some given point it is probable that the treasures will be mounted by a studio and VOILA! there you are . . . an instant important exhibitor.

The road that most of us travel is slower. We must learn the philately and then we buy and buy only those items that will best serve our collection goals.

Some years back, one of Finland's great judges (retired) said of a collection, "Why didn't he just hang big bills in his exhibit?" The strong comment was made because the pages contained great and rare material without the slightest appreciation or care about the philately of the contents. Simply "buying medals"!

The Oval Stamps of 1856

The first two adhesive stamps issued by the State of Finland were imperforates of the 5 and 10 kop. values printed in blue and red inks respectively. The stamps are fairly expensive; especially when they enjoy generous margins and very fine appearance.

In the interest of saving space I shan't enter into costs and details because this series will not follow a text book format. *Norma, Lape* and other fine European catalogs do outstanding jobs on covering the varieties and costs. Stay away from *Scott*, please. It is too incomplete and inaccurate.

Do not allow the catalog figures to throw you. Attending auctions or bidding by mail will often get acceptable stamps at reasonable figures. Presently, Finnish Philately is riding a much deserved crest of a wave and "buy" bids are in the upper strata. Eventually they will level off somewhat . . . just like stocks and bonds.

The Tête-Bêche Pairs

The non-planned birth of these wonderful pairs was the direct result of having to hand turn the printing paper 180 degrees in order to make a second impression of the form. Paper was extremely expensive in those days of yore.

These "head-to-foot" positions so aptly and sibilantly described by the French as "tête-bêche" have long been garnished with the words "Great Rarity" or related grandiose phraseology.

Often, as in this case, the very high cost (by Finnish monetary standards) for one of these pairs simply reflects the demands of a hungry market. It is important to collectors who seek large FIP

Golds and Grand Prix Honors that they possess both 5 and 10 kop. tête-bêche pairs. Moreover, those who fight in the fray seek to obtain more than one of each to enhance their collections. **D A S KAPITAL** prevails!

Naturally, these gems are tied up for decades after which time they are again sold privately. As a matter of record, many of the pairs pictured in Finnish research material are never seen in Exhibits. They are presumably vaulted until the prices rise even higher or the kids need to go to college.

According to the data as I understand it there are assumed to be about 28 pairs of the 10 kop. and 34 of the 5 kop. which total sixty-two. I did not break the total down into blocks, pairs and those on covers. I merely credited each as one unit.

Inasmuch as no one knows where they may be it is possible that some have been destroyed or lie in storage. Perhaps there are more . . . only time will tell.

The major factor employed in describing an item as a "Great Rarity" is usually predicated on a very small existing number, very often less than four. The "rarity" appellation, in this situation evidently stems from the fact that these gems are wonderful and unusual and they are the kin of Finland's first emissions.

The Problem in the USA

The importance of the tête-bêche pairs have been instilled, indelibly, into the minds of those whose assignments are to judge Finnish Traditional Exhibits the world over. This, in effect, is unfortunate because the proper understanding is missing.

At present, it has been agreed and published by the Finnish Philatelic Federation that Traditional exhibits may receive Small Gold Medals in FIP, or other competitions without any tête-bêche pairs at all.

However, the restrictions announced that awards of Large Gold Medals required both tête-bêche pairs.

Regrettably the last statement, either has done or will do more to hurt Finnish

Philately in the competitive world than any other ruling. This will be discussed in a subsequent article.

Misguided Judging

I would never start an article of strong criticism without the facts to back up my comments. What better example can I proffer than the following incident.

I do urge this vignette not be regarded as tendentious. I was not angry when it happened; nor, am I angry now. The happenstance eventuated at a North Eastern Regional. My exhibit of eight frames contained sound philately; almost 100 covers and quite a few rare items of substantial worth.

It had earned a number of (real) Gold Medals and a Grand Prix at NORDIA. My entry form had provided the history of the entry. A number of Scandinavians had mentally and prematurely awarded me the overall win. Being tournament-wise I did not agree. My prognosis was correct. I placed third receiving a Gold and Special Award. The Reserve Gold winner, who had been a collector of Finland apologized to me for the incorrect judging. A nice gesture.

Fate Intervenes

A well-known and very successful col-



AN INTERESTING PEN cancellation used in the town of Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus) in the Oval Stamp Period. At present the Rarity factor concerning the use of this cancel cannot be determined. To date very few have been seen on the 1856 Emissions.

lector took it upon himself to approach one of the judges (or possibly more) to ask "why the Finland collection had not fared better." The answer received was, "IF he had the two tête-bêche pairs (1856) he would win everything!"

Happily, the curious philatelist reported all of this to me. I listened casually and nodded in a semi-affirmative manner without verbal comment. (As I recall). It is conspicuous that none of the judges could possibly have understood anything at all about the collection that they had judged.

If the following could be preserved and presented in an indestructible granitic shell, to all who will come to judge Finnish Traditional Exhibits it might help to spark Finnish Exhibiting in these United States.

A.) The competitive demand for the 1856 pairs precludes the possibility of any exhibitor . . . even one with money . . . to acquire any of these gems. Virtually all transactions are by Private Treaty.

B.) A pair of each value was purchased in Scandinavia for \$100,000 approximately three years ago.

C.) The chances of seeing either pair in any U.S. competition would be unusual. Unless it is a FIP event.

FIP

There is a possibility that the new FIP rulings which mandate that introductory prefaces be presented to aid judges in their duties may help to some extent. The best procedure would be for our leaders to digest these comments and take some action on the behest of exhibitors.

The second best procedure would be for the Finnish Philatelic Federation to advise in writing the proper rulings for judges world-wide as regards the position of the 1856 tête-bêche pairs in International competitions.

Secondly, the Federation should also copy the American Philatelic Society who govern the judges who service the many philatelic exhibitions in these United States.

Until some actions are taken by the Finnish Philatelic Federation, FIP and the American Philatelic Society the judg-

ing of Finnish Exhibits will be decided in a haphazard manner. Perhaps, one day, some response will come from somewhere?

Series No. 3 will be devoted exclusively to the 1860 rouletted 5 and 10 kop. emissions. These stamps are quite difficult to understand because of variations in printing lock-ups which in turn affects their values to some degree. I will list in detail specifics of that which is required in the complete Traditional Exhibit.

Mike Hvidonov

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Scandinavian Specialty Auction a Success

By Wayne Rindone

The first commercial Scandinavian philatelic auction to be held in North America in several years was conducted April 6 by Jerry Birdsall of Northland Co. in Newark, NJ. More than 90 per cent of the nearly 1000 lots on sale were sold with over two-thirds going to mail bidders, according to Northland. European mail bidders were well-represented.

The auction included a good representation of all the Nordic countries, but its greatest strength was in the Iceland and Danish West Indies material from the John Siverts estate. The sizable floor bidder and mail bid turnout demonstrated considerable demand for a specialty auction of this sort. Floor bidding was quite active on many lots, with many going at prices well above the published estimates.

It went quite well considering this was the first auction this dealership had conducted. The catalog was well-produced and quite useful, and the floor auction itself proceeded relatively smoothly.

It is hoped that the enthusiastic reception given this first auction is a sign that it will be possible to schedule similar auctions at regular intervals in the future. Northland already has another scheduled for this fall, and it will feature a consignment from the Wayne Sommer estate.

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Scandinavian Literature Notes

By Alan Warren

In the February issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Thorkild Andersen discusses the rare double ring Silkeborg JB handstamp. Torben Hilberg furnishes data and a new count of the copies of the 4¢ bisect of the Danish West Indies. In the March *Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, the experts column by Roland Frahm, Bo Stavenow, and Karl-Erik Stenberg illustrates a cover with the 10 on 24 öre official. Despite a certificate previously issued for the cover stating it to be genuine, the town cancel of Råda was found to be forged when compared to marks in the postal museum archives.

The March issue of *Luren* concludes the article by Lassila and Nelson on the Finnish military mail collection of Col. Lassila, and includes illustrations of a number of KENTTÄPOSTIA covers. Toke Nørby writes about the Danish General Post Direction handstamp seal used on the reverse of official mail during the period 1811-1832, in the March issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift*. Johannes Jørgensen illustrates censored covers which went from Norway to Denmark during World War II in the same issue.

Swedish Ship Mail

Authors Ingemar Wågerman and Bert Steiner wrote a series of articles on this subject in the journal of the Maritime Postmark Society *Seaposter*. In the March-April issue they provide an appendix with additions and some corrections to the series. The additions include new paquebot and navire markings and supplemental marks for postad ombord, ångbåtspost, and från types. Membership details for the Maritime Postmark Society are available from secretary-treasurer Fred McGary, Box 1264, Absecon, NJ 08201.

Ships mail is also the subject of an article by J. W. J. van den Berg in the

March issue of the Dutch journal *Het Noorderlicht*. He illustrates a number of Iceland covers postmarked in transit instead of in Iceland, with cancels in Canada, Norway, and Scotland. In the same issue J. L. Jvangean gives us another installment in the series on Spitzbergen with illustrations of 1925 period covers relating to Amundsen's north pole flight.

In the 1990/1 issue of *North Atlantic Philately*, authors Kristian Hopballe and Edvard T. Jonsson continue discussion on stamps as being miniature works of art, by describing the Courvoisier firm of Switzerland which prints stamps of Iceland and the Faroes. Hopballe also writes about the origin of the Faroese flag and the old post office at Gjøv.

Norway's Postal Cards

In the March issue of *Scandinavian Contact* from England, Alan Totten provides details on the Petersen cards, and in particular the printing and cliché flaws of the 5 øre value. W.J.D. Annand furnishes the second part of a series on Sweden's Gustav V profile and three crowns definitives. Olga Ellis concludes her wonderful description of Norway mails during the WWII years of 1940-1945 — a series which she undertook three years ago.

The March issue of *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* notes the passing of Børge Schäffer at the age of 74, an expert on Denmark's bicolor issues. In the same issue is one of Schäffer's articles on plate flaws and earliest known uses of the 8 øre. The fascination with this stamp series and the depth of research is carried on in another article in the same issue of the journal by Michael Lerche Nielsen and Max Meedom, who discuss the 4 and 8 øre values of Denmark and DWI. Editor Lasse Nielsen has stepped down and until a new editor for *NFT* is found, veteran Hans Ehlern Jessen has taken over the

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"Manipulating" Covers

A brief item in the March *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift* calls attention to some old Danish covers which have been "treated" between one auction sale and another, with the obvious intent of increasing the value of the covers. Illustrated are three covers which have either had postal markings enhanced, or stains removed. In the same issue Peter Bo Jensen writes about the 1881-82 Free City Christiania local post issues.

In issue 1990/1 of *Philatelic Reports* from the Nordic country collecting group in Germany, the third of a four part series on Finnish railway postal markings is presented. The Greenland Study Group's contribution in this issue is devoted largely to the Americans in Greenland, and the APOs there since the second world war. Wolfgang Löhrich discusses the various types of Stockholm's free letter markings during the period 1830-1873. The section on Åland by Dietrich

Metzner concerns the international reply coupons used there.

In the April *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*, Torben Hjørne writes about Greenland's postmarks. DWI expert Keith P. Klugman, whose collection took a number of awards here before he returned to South Africa, writes about the octagonal S. Tomas mark in the June issue of the *Postal History Journal*. In particular he studies the various colors of this mark used on mail from DWI to Puerto Rico, and tabulates the dates, origins and destinations of pertinent covers as well.

Norway Locals

In the June 11, 1990, issue of *Linn's Stamp News*, the British writer L. N. Williams presents a nice summary of the Arendals bypost issued in January 1886 specifically for use on journals. The sponsor of the stamp was Georg O. Ulleberg whose initials appear on the face of the stamp. The local post ceased operation in 1893.

Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

BPF Award of Merit

Since 1978 the British Philatelic Federation has selected about a dozen philatelists each year to receive its Award of Merit. This is not so prestigious as the BPF Congress Medal which is presented to one person each year who is recognized at the national level for contributions to philately in general and to the Federation. The Awards of Merit go to philatelists who have made significant contributions at the local or regional level through nomination by a regional group.

One of the 1989 recipients is Vic Daniels who was nominated by the Kent Federation of Philatelic Societies. Readers of *Scandinavian Contact* will recognize Vic as a former editor. His focus in over 30 years of collecting has been on Iceland. Vic has served several philatelic organizations as president, council chairman, treasurer, librarian, and secretary over the years.

American Swedish Museum

Philadelphia has always been a city of ethnic diversity. Although William Penn is usually recognized as the founder, it is important to note that the Swedes arrived on the Delaware River and settled in several locations around the current city, some 40 years before Penn's arrival. The American Swedish Historical Foundation and its lovely museum in south Philadelphia have played a major role in preserving the history of the early Swedish settlers and promoting American Swedish heritage.

SCC can be proud that the Chairman of the Board of the Foundation and Museum is member Robert A. Peterson. Bob collects Sweden as well as U.S. and Canada. The Museum has been the site of a couple first day of issue ceremonies, and was visited by the Swedish King and Queen in 1988 for the 350th anniversary of the arrival of the Swedish settlers. Bob is also vice president of administration and finance for another major

Philadelphia institution — Thomas Jefferson University.

David Feldman

Some time ago the well-known dealer David Feldman formed a joint company known as Habsburg Feldman S.A. which auctioned fine art as well as philatelic materials. Feldman has now broken off to pursue the philatelic side of the business independently, under the trade name of David Feldman S.A. In May the firm conducted a specialized auction in Scandinavia and Antarctica. Even their all-world sales frequently include lots in the Scandinavian area. For a copy of their next auction catalog write to David Feldman S.A., Box 81, 1213 Geneva, Switzerland.

Paul H. Jensen of Norway, who is president of FIP's postal history commission, writes about judging postal history exhibits at international shows in the April issue of *The Philatelic Exhibitor*. In this first of three parts he defines postal history, and his remaining installments will appear in future issues of the journal. *TPE* is published quarterly by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. If you exhibit or plan to exhibit, whether locally, nationally, or internationally, I recommend joining AAPE. Dues are \$12.50 and should be sent to AAPE, c/o Secretary Steven Rod, Box 432, South Orange, NJ 07079.

3-skilling Banco Error

Returning to David Feldman, the firm's May 20 auction brought out five active bidders for the famous 3-skilling banco yellow error of Sweden. The winner was a Swedish industrialist who won with a telephone bid equivalent to over \$1,300,000, thus eclipsing the less than one million dollars paid for the 1¢ British Guiana when it last sold ten years ago. The famous Swedish stamp has been described in detail by Sven Åhman, and more recently in Volume I of *Linn's Philatelic Gems* by Donna O'Keefe.

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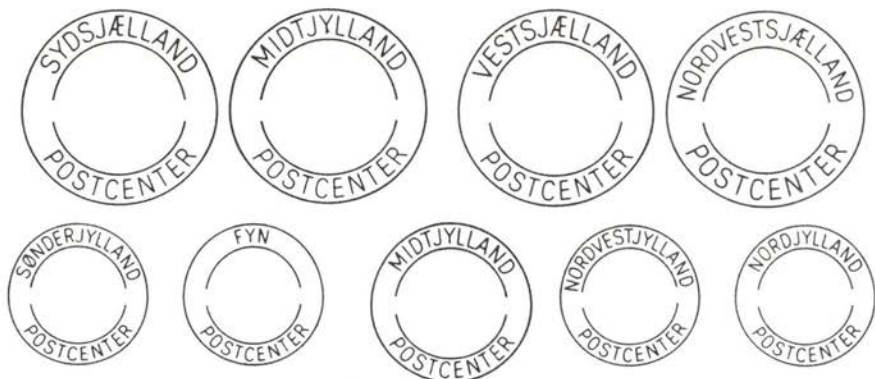
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New Postmarks Will Identify Denmark's Centralized Mail Processing Facilities

By Dan Laursen

A new chapter in Denmark P&T's history of postmarks began earlier this year when the first of a series of Postcenters opened in the Copenhagen area at Syd-Sjælland (South Harbor) on March 1 and Høje-Taastrup (a town south of Copenhagen) on February 19. Both centers will handle the mail of the metropolitan area of the capitol city.

In the past, all of this mail was handled by the old General Post Office plus a number of local post offices of which Copenhagen K was the center. Now these local offices are relieved of the collection, cancellation and distribution duties which have been taken over by the new Postcenters.

Other new centralized facilities have been opened at Sønderjylland (South Jutland), NordvestJyllan (Northwest Jutland), and Fyn. Openings on April 1 were at NordvestSjælland (Northwest Sjælland), SydSjælland (South Sjælland), VestSjælland (West Sjælland), and Midtjylland (Mid Jutland).

Illustrated with this article are the new postmark blanks (without dates) in three related sizes for automated and handstamp canceling. Note the example shown in exact handcancel size.

Manpower vs. Automation

The move to automated mail processing follows similar moves worldwide to reduce manpower and payroll expenses



AN EXAMPLE OF NEW Postcenter cancels (above) is from the FYN POSTCENTER. Note that the date bridge is without horizontal lines.

which account for more than 80 per cent of most postal budgets. Automated machinery requires maintenance not people, who also demand annual pay increases and a retirement fund reserve. Fewer maintenance people therefore handle more mail. Left on the payroll, of course will be the venerable mailperson to deliver mail. No mass postal layoffs are anticipated by the move, since reduction of employees by attrition is expected to adjust the payroll within a few years.

The collection of cancellations has been an active area pursued by a great number of philatelists. This is particularly true of Denmark's postmarks which as early as 1892 were the subject of a pa-

per by O. V. Riise that included a special chapter describing the Numeral Cancellations and others to that date. Another philatelist, Svend Arnholtz, counted 135 reference books and articles dealing with the older Danish postmarks.

Since then A. Tholl and last but not least the JKE Group have contributed much to the present knowledge about Danish postmarks. Currently, the JKE Group is publishing their findings in a Danish philatelic magazine. The Group's computerized listings, backed by cataloged files, make their research the most accurate to date.

Postcenter Operational Goal

In its announcement earlier this year the P&T set a fully operational goal date of about 1992-93 for its capability to sort mail down to the carriers who deliver.

Åland Reprint Differs From Original Issue

The reprint of Åland's "Midsummer Pole" stamp released May 21st differs considerably from its first printing. The reprint is on ordinary paper and not phosphorescent.

The reprint also has in its margins the new emblem of the Finland P&T. Plate number of the new stamp is 2153.

Other differences include slight color changes due to the reprint being started as a new stamp. The Frenckell printing house didn't have the complete original design at its disposal because designer Rolf Christianson had finished his work with a computer for the first print. Therefore, there are also differences in the drawing and colors.



FINLAND'S TOP PICK FOR 1989 was the PKPF's miniature sheet "Centenary of Finnish Kennels," which depicts four dogs. The canine se-tenant stamps won 22,366 votes in the annual competition. Shown are: the Lapponian Herder, the Finnish Spitz, the Karelian Bear Dog and the Finnish Hound. It was designed by Torsten Ekström.

Danish Postage Stamp Use in Bergedorf

By Gordon A. Hughmark

The sale and use of Danish postage stamps in Bergedorf between 1857 and 1864 represents an interesting period of Danish and German postal history. Particularly, because Bergedorf had its own postage stamps beginning in 1861, but franking with Danish stamps sold in Bergedorf provided a lower postal rate to areas served by the Danish postal service than did franking with the Bergedorf stamps. Information for this article was obtained from articles by A. Tholl¹ and K. Knauer².

History

The territory of Bergedorf in 1861 consisted of a total of about 90 sq. km. comprised of two regions north of the Elbe River. The larger area was adjacent to Hamburg on the northwest and contained the town of Bergedorf. The second area of about 11 sq. km. was an enclave bounded by the duchy of Lauenborg and on the south by the Elbe River. Geesthacht was the principal town in the enclave. The population of the territory in 1861 was about 12,000 of whom 3,000 were in the town of Bergedorf and 2,000 in the enclave, and 7,000 elsewhere.

The territory had been administered by the free Hanseatic cities of Hamburg and Lübeck for several centuries before 1857 except for the French occupation of 1806-1813 during the Napoleonic wars. A Hamburg-Lübeck post office was established in the town of Bergedorf in 1847 as the town was on the railroad between Hamburg and Berlin that was completed in 1846. The town of Bergedorf and Geesthacht were on the overland route from Hamburg to Berlin. A minor post office had been opened at Geesthacht by 1855.

After the Schleswig-Holstein insurrection of 1848-1851, the Danish postal service assumed postal administration for the duchies of Holstein and Lauenborg in April 1852. A Danish post office had been in operation in Hamburg long

before the insurrection; and a Danish ober post amt (post office) was established in Lübeck in 1852. As postal communication for part of the duchy of Lauenborg was best accomplished through Bergedorf, there was an incentive for an agreement between the Danish postal service and the Hamburg-Lübeck postal service for Bergedorf.

Postal Agreement of 1857

This agreement established that the single letter postage rate of 4 Sk.R.M. (Rigmønt-Danish currency) that existed for mail within the territory of the Danish postal service would also apply to the territory of Bergedorf if Danish postage stamps were used on these letters. Danish postage stamps would be sold at the Bergedorf post office and letters bearing these stamps would be accepted by the Danish postal service for delivery to Danish post offices. This included the post offices in the Danish monarchy, the crownlands of Holstein, Schleswig, and Lauenborg as well as the Danish post offices in Hamburg and Lübeck. Danish stamp usage was valid as of October 1, 1857. The Bergedorf postal service retained 25 percent of the amount collected from the sale of the Danish stamps.

The postal rate for mail not bearing Danish postage stamps was 6 Sk.R.M. to and from the post offices in Holstein, Schleswig, and the Danish monarchy. The rate for similar mail to and from the duchy of Lauenborg was 2 Sk.L.M. (Landsmønt-Lauenborg currency). This was equal to 5-1/3 Sk.R.M. The Bergedorf currency was Sk. Courant, the same currency as for Hamburg and Lübeck. The



Figure 1

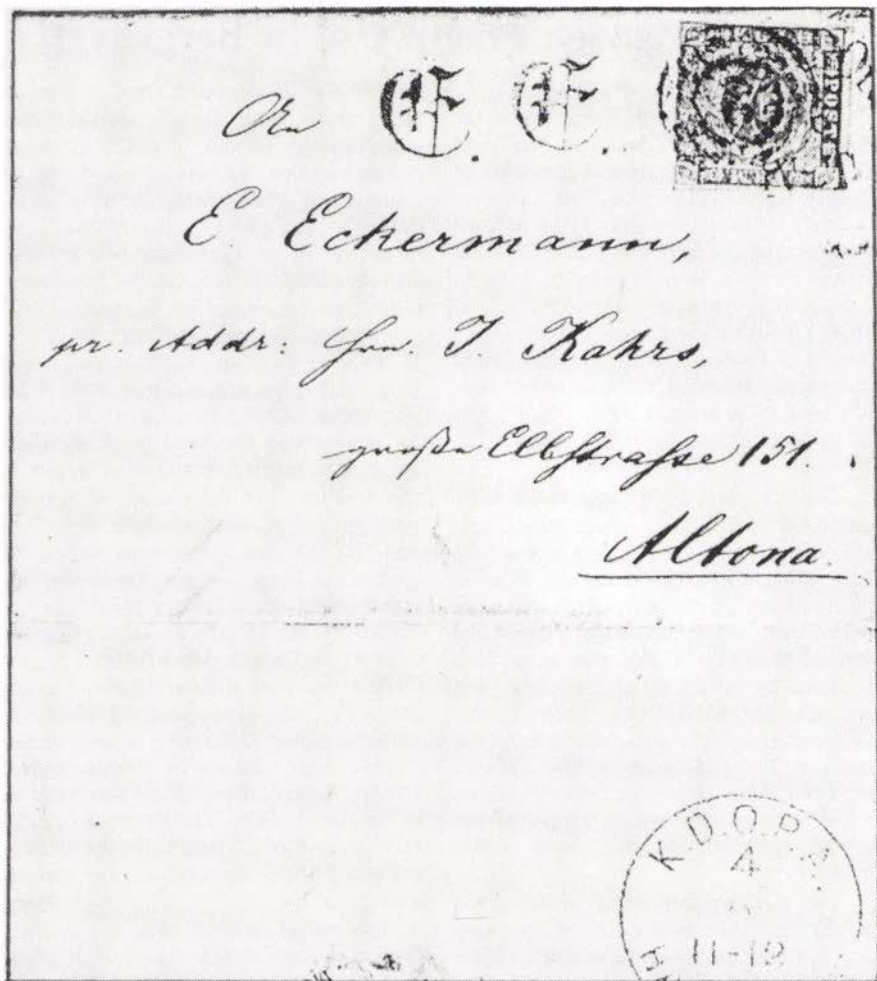


Figure 2

exchange rate was 1 Sk.R.M. equals $5/16$ Sk. Courant, so 6 Sk.R.M. was equivalent to $1-7/8$ Sk. Courant in Bergedorf. Thus, the use of Danish postage stamps represented a significant postal rate saving in Bergedorf.

The 4 Sk. rate for a franked letter and 6 Sk. rate for an unfranked letter came about with the issue of Danish postage stamps in 1851 as uniform postal rates within the Kingdom irrespective of distance.

Bergedorf issued postage stamps for use beginning November 1, 1861, with a 2 Sk. Courant stamp required for mail to

Danish postal service territory. So the use of a Bergedorf stamp cost about 50 percent more than the use of a Danish 4 Sk. stamp. The Bergedorf stamps were sold only at the post office in the town of Bergedorf. Stamps could be obtained at other Bergedorf post offices by special order. It is likely that the same procedure was used for Danish stamp sales, so limited postage stamp use probably occurred outside of the town of Bergedorf.

The agreement continued in force until the outbreak of the war between Denmark and Prussia in 1864. Denmark lost the three duchies to Prussia as a result of

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this war. The Bergedorf territory was taken over by Hamburg in August 1867 after purchase of Lübeck's rights to the territory. Bergedorf postage stamps remained valid until those of the North German Confederation were introduced January 1, 1868.

Cancels

Danish stamps were canceled in the town of Bergedorf post office with the handstamp shown by Figure 1 until the introduction of the Bergedorf postage stamps in 1861. Figure 2 shows a letter of June 1858 with this Bergedorf semi-circle cancel and the numeral 2 cancel of the Danish post office in Hamburg. Apparently, the Hamburg cancel was used because the Bergedorf cancel was rather light. The interchangeable numerals of the second line represent the day and month. Mail was sent out four times daily, so the interchangeable Roman numerals I to IV were used. For example, the IV T shown by the Figure 2 cancel was used for mail on the night train to Hamburg.

With the introduction of the Bergedorf postage stamps, the semi-circle handstamp was used as a date stamp separate from the postage stamp. A multiple line cancel was then used on the stamp as shown by Figure 3. The lines of the canceler were 19 mm long with 5 lines distributed at equal distances over a height of 16-1/2 mm. It is not surprising that fake cancels exist of this simple canceler on both Bergedorf and Danish stamps. Tholl's article¹ illustrates two



Figure 3

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Danish stamps canceled with the Geesthacht double circle cancel, probably from 1863. All cancels are in black ink.

The agreement for the use of the 4 Sk. stamps corresponds to the period of usage of the 1854, 1858, 1858 water-

mark large crown, and 1863 rouletted stamps and indeed all are known canceled in Bergedorf. Only 4 Sk. stamps have Bergedorf cancels, so it is likely that this was the only denomination sold at Bergedorf. A few examples of the fourth printing of FIRE R.B.S. stamps are known with the Bergedorf semi-circle cancel. Perhaps these were on letters from nearby Lauenborg towns that were processed through Bergedorf as a convenience.

With the limited use of Danish postage stamps in Bergedorf, the Bergedorf cancel on Danish stamps is scarce and Bergedorf letters with Danish stamps are very rare.

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Capitol Unit Plans BALPEX Gathering

A regional meeting of the Washington, D.C. Chapter 12 group has scheduled its open session for the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Marriot's Hunt Valley Inn, site of BALPEX 90 sponsored by the Baltimore Philatelic Society.

In addition to the meeting, there will be a slide show presentation entitled "Danish Philatelic Oddities." As usual the session will be open to the general public. Further details on the exact time and room will be available at the stamp show.

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Latest Denmark Postal Manual Details State-of-Art Communication Services

By Dan Lausen

The newest issue of the Danish P&T Operations Manual for 1990 outlines the postal services available in the present computer age. Previous years have shown how the P&T keeps pace with public communications — partly by administrative changes such as the severance of postal service for The Faroe Islands and Greenland, who both operate now as independent postal services.

Dropped from the manual are all references to these areas. Yet there is still development going on in most areas of service, and the manual can expect an early updating.

Divided into three sections, the manual covers: 1.) The Postal Service; 2.) The Postal Giro; and, 3.) The Telecommunications area. New in the postal area are the Economy or B letters, plus the new fax service. The B letters are distributed for a slightly lower rate and expected to reach the addressees within two or three days. Class A letters are guaranteed delivery the next morning! These services are limited to Denmark.

Postfax is a service which can send letters, photos or other graphics from one place to another using the telephone network. Fax material can be sent to both private telefax owners and post offices, where the transmission can be delivered, picked up, or the addressee can be advised by phone and then tell the P&T how it should be delivered.

The latest in the 1990 manual is Jetpost! This is a very fast delivery of parcels — but only in Copenhagen, Odense, Aalborg and Aarhus. A National Jetpost is another version of the service serving other parts of the country with a speedy door-to-door delivery of parcels.

An international version called EMS Jetpost (express mail service) provides a fast transport of both letters and parcels between affiliated countries. The USA is in Zone 3 of this particular service.

Among the general information in the P&T 1990 Manual there is a variety of

information ranging from details on the basic format of envelopes to addressing mail to all post offices in Denmark.

Postal Banking?

The section on postal Giros deals with the "money order" system of paying bills through a postal account. This method is virtually unknown in the U.S., but used throughout Europe. By opening a Giro account, somewhat like a savings or checking account, a person can pay all of their bills without writing a check — simply by having specific bills covered by the Giro account. The topper is that Giro accounts also earn interest. Most transactions take place over P&T phone lines.

International money orders sent from the USA are forwarded to the payee through the Giro system, for example. From the U.S., you can have money transferred to Giro accounts in Europe, thus saving the check surcharge.

The manual concludes with the telephone, telegraph, telex data communication, telefax, radio and satellite transmissions. The telefax services are expanding rapidly and we can expect additions to this chapter in the next edition.

There is an interesting chapter on the laws concerning postal practices which may be of interest to postal history buffs. Unfortunately for most American collectors the Danish P&T manual is printed in Danish — which surely limits its use over here.

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Norway Net Price List Offered by Northland

A new list of available Norway stamps along with net prices has been distributed by the Northland Co. of Verona, NJ. The two-page bulletin follows the stamp firm's continuing lists policy and is free for the asking.

Earlier lists still available cover Iceland, early Finland and Greenland Pakke Portos. Write: Northland Co., P.O. Box 34, Verona, NJ 07044.

Norway Rail Cancels: A Review

Katalog über die Stempel der Norwegischen Bahnpost by Jürgen Tiemer, 2nd edition, FG Nordische Staaten, Altwittenbek, 1989; 15 x 21 cms, soft covers, stapled, 240 pages; in German.

Much has apparently been discovered and recorded in the area of Norwegian railway cancels since the first edition in 1983, as evidenced by the growth of this catalog from 182 pages to 240. Tiemer not only heads the Norwegian Study Group of the FG Nordische Staaten but the parent organization itself. His "love affair" with Norway's railmarkings continued after he published the first edition and subsequent articles in the journals. He has encouraged others to submit data for the catalog, and he acknowledges the help of several others in bringing this work up to date.

Funding for printing this edition was graciously provided by the Per Gellein Fund of the Norsk Posthistorisk Selskap. Despite the detail of this latest version, the author encloses a form at the end of the catalog for collectors' use in submitting new findings, for the work is never considered complete. The introduction expands the original description of six cancellation types to eleven which now include the 3-ring and 4-ring numeral marks. The introduction is presented in German, English and Norwegian.

The format of the catalog is the same used in the earlier edition. The rail lines are listed by name in counterclockwise fashion radiating from Oslo as the hub, beginning with Østfold line and ending with the Sørland system. Each mark for each subsystem is numbered consecutively so that new marks can be added to the catalog in the future without revising the numbering.

For each entry the earliest and latest dates are shown with the initials of the collector who furnished the evidence. Each mark is illustrated, although in some cases only a poorly registered original was available. Variants are shown with indication of the measurements of

the different types. Each mark has been assigned a value of points from 1 to 10, ranging from very common (or still in use) to extremely rare. The catalog listing, which is Part I of the book, takes 141 pages.

Part II presents a history of the railway systems in Norway using maps, covers and related documents. This is followed by an extensive bibliography. The volume concludes with an interesting index which lists rail stations alphabetically so they can be found in the catalog, as well as a numerical listing of the 3-ring and 4-ring numerals with similar cross references.

Although Part II is in German, the catalog portion is easily used without knowledge of the language because of the clear format and use of illustrations. I obtained my copy of the catalog as a member of the FG Nordische Staaten (a membership privilege), but your favorite Scandinavian literature dealer should have copies.

—Alan Warren

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President's Message

By Alfred Gruber

National Conventions

A very good convention at Boxborough in April, but as usual for this far flung organization there were no quorums at the meetings. Therefore, the minutes will be circulated amongst the directors. The principal item of discussion and one requiring a vote was the budget. We are currently in good financial shape and prefer staying that way, but with the decline in membership (mostly due to the greying of collectors the Ex. Sec. says) and the forecasted increases in postage and other costs, the directors at the meeting (and the Treasurer by letter) recommended a dues increase. The final suggestion was \$15, but if dues are paid before Jan. 1, the old rate remains in effect for 1991.

The New England Chapter played perfect host for the National Convention with one exception. When the power failed at the SCC dinner location, President Paul Carlton had not thought to provide a spare electrical transformer. We were forced to dine by candlelight! The next National Convention is at the ARIPEX Show to be held January 25-27, 1991 at Tucson. Our meetings will be on Saturday. Here is a wonderful opportunity to get to the warmth in the winter. Why not schedule a trip to America's southwest and take in this show? And, of course, we seek exhibits to make ourselves known in Arizona. To my knowledge, this is the first Convention site where we have no chapter. We are soliciting help from local members.

Dr. Dan Laursen was the driving force in choosing ARIPEX and had become seriously ill, but is experiencing a miraculous recovery. He writes everything is now in control and he is even on the way to establishing a Tucson Chapter! Wow! Come to Tucson to catch the excitement.

Club Publicity

Next to word-of-mouth, the most effective publicity for SCC seems to be classified advertising. Publicity Chairman Bob Lang did a great deal of that along with press releases last year. He is expanding the geographical area with ads planned in the Canadian and Scandinavian philatelic press this year. Give us some help and try to get a "closet" collector you know into the main stream and SCC!

1990 Elections

A reminder to chapters and members to make nominations, if they desire, to Secretary Erickson and Elections Chairman Don Halpern before October 1st.

A Slap On The Wrist

To the five members of the Executive Committee who have not replied to my request for guidance on whether *The Posthorn* should accept non-philatelic Scandinavian advertising! This could take the form of airline or beer ads, etc. Anyone else want to drop me a line?

New Directions

The Delaware Chapter came up with what I think are two firsts for SCC. Dewey Smith has offered a search computer service for identifying Denmark's star cancels for a small fee to cover costs. See Member-to-Member Ad in this issue. The other first is our first female chapter president. Annette Gruber was elected at the May meeting. (We are related by marriage).

SCC Forgeries Collection

Many years ago, those managing this store, decided to form an SCC Forgeries Collection. Its whereabouts became lost due to deaths, resignations and moves. I started to hunt for it about two years ago. This was just dirty detective work without benefit of cigars, car chases or dames. Eventually picked up the trail in NYC which led to LA and into Chicago. It is now in our Librarian's hands and we will learn more of how we all may benefit from its availability.

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The Executive Secretary Speaks

By William H. Lamkin

So far, it has been a long hot summer in Georgia! The temperature has been in the mid-nineties since the first of June. That is not so bad if the humidity was not up in the nineties at the same time. It would be nice to be in Greenland, Iceland or some other Scandinavian area for a spell!

There is one important thing that that I want to Speak about this time. *Please look for your dues envelope in the November issue of The Posthorn.* So many members have written that they did not get a *statement* for their dues. The only statement sent out is the self-addressed envelope that has traditionally been in the November *Posthorn*. Yes, we did miss one year but that was a comedy of errors which we are trying our best to not repeat. Some have even said they did not get an envelope in their copy. That is a possibility as both man and machines are not infallible. Please look for it in the next issue and if there is not an envelope, the dues are due anyhow!

As I write this, I have just mailed some 50 SCC Membership Cards to the newest members of the Club. I hope that each of you take a good look at your card and it is correct in all respects. If not, send it back and I will get a new one for you.

Unfortunately we have had a large loss in membership this year. Nearly 100 members have gone astray. Of course I always wonder why? I do not get many answers to that. Some members have lost interest in stamps, others are in ill health and some have even gone to those foolish baseball cards. However, stamps are catching up with these cards as some countries, like the third world nations, are putting out stamps with current baseball players pictured!

A good part about the membership is that some 33 members have paid their dues

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and have been reinstated and their names are listed in this issue. This issue of *The Posthorn* does not go to those who were listed in the last issue as being delinquent, unless they did pay up!

Among some of the letters I have received is a complaint that "there is not enough material in *The Posthorn* to interest me." Well, what can we do about that? Neither Al Gruber, Al Warren, Gene Lesney nor myself can write about everything. It takes members like you, to do some of the writing. Some do, so why not you? Write a story about your collecting activities and send it to Gene. I will bet that he will be happy to get it and he might even even print it!

With this issue of *The Posthorn*, we are starting a new method of addressing the covers. The addresses will come directly from my computer. All the more reason to keep your address correct on our records. I will print the labels and send them to the printer who will have them placed on the covers and let them go. Please send me any complaints about how this method is working. If your address is wrong, let me know. If the label is torn or screwed up, let me know. Of course you could even send a compliment, if you have one!

Address changes must be in my hands *one month* ahead of the quarter in which *The Posthorn* is published to ensure that it will reach you at your new abode. This means October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1.

I am sure that by now, most of you know that I am not the infallible person that my Mother always said I was! So I did make a couple of errors in the last *Posthorn*. I showed John Pearson, #2313, as being delinquent in his dues. He wrote a nice note pointing out my infallibility and that he had paid his dues in December 1989! So he had, according to the record. Somehow, I just forgot to put him in the computer. I have tried to find a reason that I could blame it on the computer but, alas, it has resisted my efforts.

By the time most of you have read this, I will have been to the STaMpsHOW 90 in Cincinnati. I hope to meet some of you there.

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Chapter News

4th Quarter in the Windy City

The October '89 meeting was a huge success with a big turnout to listen to a Christmas seal collector talk about "The Christmas Seals of Scandinavia." Steven Potter entertained us with a slide show revealing many interesting sidelights that are not evident to most ordinary philatelists. He had a table-full of his "gems" to back up his slides. A very enjoyable evening! Carl Malmberg died the last part of the month. He was our Swedish expert and surely will be missed. December consisted of the usual end-of-the-year auction where a percentage of the proceeds benefit the Chapter 4 kitty. As in the past some spirited bidding battles ensued.

1990 Second Quarter — Chicago

At our April meeting, John Simmons, a postcard dealer, presented a very fascinating slide show featuring picture postcards of the City of Chicago. It was great to see what the "good old days" were like. Some of the franking highlighted obsolete and rare trolley and railway cancels plus some from small outlying section post offices. May was dominated by the annual show, COMPEX. This year, our members exhibited non-Scandinavian philatelic items that tickled their fancy, a twist that proved to be very interesting. The annual auction was proclaimed a success. A slide show from the

SCC Library was the feature of the June meeting. This was one of Vic Engstrom's DWI beats (A&V 14) and is highly recommended to other chapters.

The Editor's Notebook

By Gene Lesney



Leftover from the May issue: Dan Laursen, AE for Greenland, is looking at greener pastures after serious stomach surgery earlier this year. At home in Tucson, Dan is beginning to enjoy chewing and tasting his food for a change. Meanwhile, in Los Angeles former *PH* business manager Pete Schlueter also is on the repair circuit after cranial surgery to remove a benign tumor in the pituitary gland area. A few friends have commented on whether or not Pete's insurance business provided health benefits?

Truly a Second Class Delivery

The May issue's arrival pattern via USPS was under a special tracking survey which doesn't look too good so far. Thirty-seven of 50 random SCC members nationwide responded on pre-paid 15¢ postcards with quips about the delivery date of their copy of *The Posthorn*. A simple date would have sufficed; instead your Editor got replies suggesting a variety of alternatives, most requesting the Pony Express and Wells Fargo carriers. These independent cards were a backup to a Postal Service tracking which supplied date and time-stamped arrivals and departures on official postal cards throughout the delivery period — but limited to pre-sorted packets carrying ZIP+4 addresses. Entering the USPS system at Madrid, Iowa, and forwarded to Des Moines before entering the mainstream via the Chicago Annex Automated Mail Center, our journal took the long way to your home. Most delays were in postal facilities. Two layovers covered four days each place and another three days rest in the East didn't help!

Most West Coast deliveries (12-17 days) beat the East Coast (16-24 days) by a week. Why? I don't know. A few remote northeast and southeast cities ranged up to 26 days. USPS only admitted to delayed deliveries in the flood-ravaged South and Midwest. Ironically our overseas deliveries via a bulk forwarding agent at London's Heathrow Airport had copies on the Continent in 15 days, week before some Brits received theirs.

Good News-Bad News Dept.

Exec. Secty. Bill Lamkin has undertaken the role of distributor and chief address label maker for the *PH* at his Lawrenceville, GA, hideaway. Beginning with this issue, SCCers will note their address as logged into the Club's IBM computer has been printed on Avery self-adhesive labels. No longer can Bill blame anyone else for misguided *Posthorns* returning to his doorstep, except for those members who change addresses and fail to notify him! Actually, this centralized control could have been introduced years ago when the Club acquired its computer. It is more economical and always updated.

Need for 20th Century Topics

Starting off with what hopefully will be a continuing series on 20th century collecting specialties, your Editor tried his first research effort (page 99) on the subject of Denmark's se-tenant stamps. Despite his interest in the topic, it was amazing how much he didn't know about the internal Danish P&T records on this subject. It took books, books and books — thanks to Doc Melberg and others who tried to answer some tricky question about P&T policy decisions regarding se-tenants. Now we need

other articles from our writing members about their specialties? There are dozens of areas of specializations just waiting to be written up for our fellow members' interest.

Long Note on Shorts

Apparently the wrong message is being received by our members about this journal's need for brief items for publication. The *PH* is desperate for these shorts or fillers (often called squibs by journalists) because the two column format requires lots of small informative items to completely fill pages when the preceding article falls short of filling a column or page. Needed most are news items of one to four inches in length.

This Journal Also Seeks a New Editor

Yours truly has had his turn in the barrel — so to speak. And, a new Editor is being sought by Prexy Al Gruber. He is looking for a qualified person to take the helm of this journal. It is a key position for the SCC in that it's the binding factor which serves the full membership. Applicants should contact Al Gruber for more details. Meanwhile, your current editor has agreed to continue in this chore until a replacement has been appointed or May 1991, whichever comes first!



Library News

Dr. W. E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

Scandinavian philately, the SCC, Chapter 4 and I lost a very special person in April. Howard Baumann (1268) passed away after a prolonged illness. It was a pleasure to have known him. He was a kind and gentle man who always had time for his friends and truly enjoyed meeting with people and offering his expertise in many facets.

Library Donations April 1 to June 30, 1990

Cash: Russell Anderson, Chapter 4 Auction, Chapter 12, Chapter 22, Gary R. Friggens and George Sellnau. Verner Andersen

Flora Danica Stamps. Collection of four prescription envelopes with stamps pictured in color on each. Used by the donating pharmacy. Dalum Apotek, in 1990.

"Pharmaci & philатели her til lands." H. Lintner. *Farmaceutisk Tidende*. 9/87. 10pp. Article about collecting Danish topical stamps about Pharmacy. Illus.

Russell Anderson

Norwegian Auction Catalogs.

Chapter 13

Philatelic Oddities of Denmark. Dr. W.E. Melberg's one frame exhibit. 35mm slide program (25) with written commentary. Produced by Chapter 13.

Ib Eichner-Larsen

Stamp World London 90. Catalogue & Palmares. 160pp. Illus.

Robert Fashingbauer

Facit Orstempelkatalog Postal History 1985. 333pp.

Wally Gaarsoe

Royal Emblems Issue 1864-68. AP. 1953-55. 105pp. A. Birch. A very complete study of these stamps, covering varieties, plating and numbers printed.

Kjell Germeten A/S

Highlights from the Collections of the Norwegian Øre-Issues. Jared Richter's auction catalog. 1990. 23pp.

Al Gruber

Library List. Scandinavian Philatelic Society. P.A. Berry. 3/90. 19pp.

Scandinavia — Color Reproduction of the Stampexpo

Presentation. 16pp. To be lent out to SCC Chapters and members for a one frame non-competitive showing at philatelic exhibitions throughout the country. Produced and donated by Alfred Gruber and Chapter 13.

James Melberg

Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups. S. Thernstrom. 45pp. Photocopy of a very detailed study of the history and emigration of various Scandinavian groups: Danes, Finns, Icelanders, Norwegians and Swedes.

Roger Quinby

Russian Stamps and Postal Stationery Used in Finland. 160pp. Revised version of this exhibit that won the

GRAND AWARD at MILCOPEX '90. (Listed as E&C 53 E)

Finnish Carrier Cancels. Post & Telegraph Museum. 150pp. A photocopied listing of rural mail routes in Finland. Gives the number, route name, start-up & discontinued dates. Three page English explanation by Carita Parker.

Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation

Post Offices in Finland 1638-1985. English translation by Anneli Hvidonov of the introductory section of the original book (Philatelic Federation of Finland). This translation is published by the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation. It is a companion piece to FIN B 27 F.

Geroge Sickles

NORDIA 91. Bulletin 1. 32pp.

Skien Filatelistklubb

Posttempler i Telemark. J. Helland, H. Trondsen, L. Wolden & D. Aabjørnsrød. 1989. 364pp. A very detailed publication dealing with all the postmarks of the Telemark area of Norway. Lists and illustrates all types of cancels and includes the period of usage of each. Maps of each route are also pictured. This study was sponsored by the Skien Filatelistklubb.

Arlene Swanson

The Roger A. Swanson Collection. King Christian IX Issue of 1902. Photocopy. 88pp.

The Roger A. Swanson Collection. The "prir" Surcharge Issue. Photocopy. 27pp.

Ingemar Wägerman

Svensk Järnvägspost 1968-1988. I. Wägerman. 1989. 24pp. Illus. Classification of modern Swedish Railway Postmarks. Can be purchased from the author for \$10.00 postpaid.

Paul Wijnants

"Deens West Indië — De Geschiedenis van de Gehalveerde 4 Cent Aangepast." P. Wijnants. Belgica. 2/90 #143. 2pp. Discussion about early postmarkings.

Mary Wright & Fred Bloedow

Stamp World London 90 Publications: Bulletins 1 & 2, Show Catalogue and Palmars Listing.

Membership Report

New Members for August 1990

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- 3301 KAUFMAN, Victor and Emilie, 5601 Riverdale Ave. #6P, New York, NY 10471-2119
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- 3302 SANDQUIST, Tom G., P.O. Box 391462, Mountain View, CA 94039
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- PH-68 BENDIX, Jan, %Skilling, Postboks 74, DK-4050 Skibby, Denmark
- 3303 PHILLIPS, Henry P., 38 US Rte. #1, Falmouth, ME 04105-2114
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- L-70 MOONEY, Frank C.
L-71 GERMETEN, Kjell

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| 3205 EMSING, Erik A. | 2981 JOHANNESSEN, Saevar | 2082 ASHBY, Robert C. |
| 3207 LARSON, David G. | 2862 OLSEN, Edward C. | 2638 RUSSELL, Dudley |
| 1516 HARRIS, W. Joseph | 1993 BLUME, Roe C. | 1952 KARLSON, Eric P. |
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| 2546 GUILLORY, B. R. | 3095 STROTHER, Jerry W. | 2475 RUNDFELDT, A. T. |
| 2994 REGENTHAL, Albert F. | 3132 GORDON, Michael L. | 3195 WASHTON, Martin C. |
| 1572 RAPHAEL, Stephen M. | 2031 LOWE, Michael E. | 3192 YANO, Masanori |
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| 3126 RUBERT, D. Harold | 2708 CHRISTENSEN, John | 1869 VAN EVERY, K. |
| 3220 KOLS, David | 2570 SISMONDO, Sergio | 0769 BRIGHTSEN, Ronald A. |
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| 2697 STEPHENS, George H. | | |

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NOTE: With the November issue of *The Posthorn* there will be an insert that will compile all the known errors of the *Members Handbook*.

Membership Summary for August 1990

May Membership

Regular Members.....	856
Life Members.....	52
Honorary Members.....	5
Total Membership for May.....	913

August Membership Adjustment

Regular Members.....	+29
Live Members.....	+2
Honorary Members.....	0
Reinstated Members.....	+43
Resigned Members.....	-2
Deceased Members.....	-1

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